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Note by the Secretariat

1. At its first meeting, on 23 February 1998, in accordance with rule 74 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the Intersessional Ad Hoc Working Group on Strategic Approaches to Freshwater Management of the Commission on Sustainable Development decided to invite the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance Especially as Waterfowl Habitat (Ramsar Convention) upon its request, to attend the Working Group's meetings as an intergovernmental organization with the status of observer (see E/CN.17/1998/13, para. 59).

2. A similar request has been received from the Ramsar Convention to attend the sixth session of the Commission.

3. In view of the foregoing, the Secretariat recommends that the Ramsar Convention be invited to attend the sixth session of the Commission as an intergovernmental organization with the status of observer.

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1. A request has been received from the Arab Organization for Agricultural Development to attend the sixth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, as an intergovernmental organization.

2. According to rule 74 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, representatives of intergovernmental organizations accorded permanent observer status by the General Assembly and of other intergovernmental organizations designated on a continuing basis by the Council or invited by the commission may participate, without a right to vote, in the deliberations of the commission on questions within the scope of the activities of the organizations.

3. The Secretariat has reviewed the credentials of the above organization and recommends that it be invited to attend the sixth session of the Commission as an intergovernmental organization, with the status of observer.

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